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Sir:


In response to the Office's inquiry regarding the drawings in the above-identified application, Applicants request transfer of the drawings (Figures 1, 2, and 3) submitted with the parent application (09/122,127) and issued in corresponding U.S. Patent No: 6,326,162, to the instant application. Applicants submit that no further amendments are necessary. However, please contact the undersigned if any additional information or submission is necessary.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-3880 in the name of Bristol-Myers Squibb Company.

Respectfully submitted,

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